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WOOD HURT LESS THAN ANY RIVALS

Johnson and Lowden Prestige Weakened.

GENERAL'S FORCES INTACT

Sentiment Against California Senator and Illinois Governor Crystallizing.

PENROSE BACKS SPROUL

Wood Supporters More Confident and Nomination on Third Ballot Predicted.

BY EDGAR B. PIPER.
CHICAGO, June 9.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—I have confirmed almost to the last detail the surmise offered yesterday as to the behind-the-scenes plan for the nomination of a presidential candidate. Unquestionably the main impulse of powerful interests is to be for Sproul. Necessarily the Sproul movement will fail unless Wood, Lowden and Johnson are, in turn, eliminated. It is easier said than done.

It is one outstanding feature of a tangled and obscure situation that Wood has withstood the tremendous hammering directed toward him better than his two leading rivals. Wood is now apparently in less danger from Lowden or Johnson than he is from Sproul, or whomsoever the anti-Wood-Johnson-Lowden forces later decide to center on.

Wood Supporters More Confident.

The Wood people are more confident than they have been for days. The weakening of Lowden and the growing assurance that Johnson has no chance at all have left Wood in a very strong position. This result has not been due so much to the superior strategy of the Wood management as it has been to the automatic dimming of the Lowden outlook by the pressure of adverse opinion and by a similar crystallization of sentiment against the California senator.

Wood Forces Intact.

The newly-manifested capacity of the Wood organization is not, however, to be minimized. Harmony and efficiency are to be found there, and ceaseless activity as well. It has been successful at least in holding the Wood forces together against the assaults of opposition from many quarters. They are claiming at Wood headquarters that he will be within reach of a nomination by the third ballot. They say that he will have more than 300 on the first ballot and about 400 on the second ballot, and the remaining 92 will be forthcoming soon thereafter. These claims must be discounted, though to what extent I cannot, of course, tell.

New York Delegates Unorganized.

An illustration of the differing points of view of what is happening and will happen to Wood is found in the various statements as to the New York delegation. It has 88 members and, united, could determine any close contest in the convention, but it is not united. It is unorganized and sadly scattered. The Wood people say that they will get 50 votes from New York, and they may come in the first ballot. But the real situation apparently is that the New York group will cast their first votes somewhat near a unit at first for Nicholas Murray Butler.

Penrose Supports Sproul.

This action, not contemplated by the New Yorkers as a whole when they came here, will be taken partly as a result of the appeal of Dr. Butler's friends, partly as a means of giving the appearance of solidarity and partly in response to the negotiation with Penrose over his long-distance wire. It is likely enough that Massachusetts and other eastern delegations have been more or less affected by the same influences.

The papers today carry an interview with Senator Penrose in which he openly puts himself behind Sproul. It is true that the Pennsylvania senator had heretofore indicated that Sproul was satisfactory to him, but it was thought that his real choice

MCCAMANT PROTEST MAY GO NO FARTHER

ACTION OF COMMITTEE MAKES CONTEST DIFFICULT.

Johnson Leaders Show Indecision as to Bringing Matter Before Entire Convention.

CHICAGO, June 9.—(Special.)—There was doubt today as to whether the floor managers of the Hiram Johnson campaign will carry their protest against the seating of Judge Wallace McCamant of Oregon to the floor of the convention. At any rate, there was a noticeable indecision among the Johnson leaders, who have been declaring that the entire convention must have an opportunity to pass on the McCamant case if the credentials committee held in the judge's favor.

The action of the committee early this morning was so overwhelming as to make difficult the prosecution of a contest of 35 of 42 members present and voting held that there was no justification for hearing the case. The vote came abruptly in the middle of a speech being delivered by Thomas Mannix of Portland, representing the Johnson forces.

The Oregon delegation, with the exception of Judge McCamant, was marking time today. Judge McCamant being a member of the sub-committee of the committee on resolutions, appointed to draft the platform, found that he had been handed an enormous task. The committee held hearings until nearly midnight last night on proposed platform principles, and resumed its sittings early today, with considerable doubt this afternoon as to when it would be able to report.

SINGULAR HUMAN SOUGHT

Only Man Aided by Bowery Worker Who Failed Wanted.

NEW YORK, June 9.—Scores of reformed criminals, including several murderers and gangsters, aided the police today in search for "the only man who ever failed to make good after being freed by George B. Ellis, social worker, known as 'the Bowery Caruso,' who has helped more than 5000 'down-and-outers' to return to honest living.

Lillian, the 15-year-old daughter of the slum missionary, sustained serious injuries in a desperate struggle with this unnamed man, who beat her into unconsciousness and fled.

"HOPPERS" CLEAN FARM

Crops Destroyed and Farmers Try to Check Ravages.

COVE, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Bishop J. M. Mitchell and George Southwick left early yesterday to join the Cove farmers engaged in a desperate attempt to head off the horde of grasshoppers swarming over the fields of grain. Sunday the pests cleaned up 20 acres of grain on the L. B. Carter ranch.

CUMMINS IS NOMINATED

Iowa Republican Primary Renames Present Senator.

DES MOINES, June 9.—United States Senator Albert B. Cummins was renominated on the republican ticket at the Iowa primary election Monday, according to unofficial returns tabulated by the Des Moines Capital. Cummins' vote was 197,642 and S. W. Brookhart's 56,440 in 2218 precincts out of 2247 in the state.

PRICES LAID TO LABOR

Costs Laid to Worker's Refusal to Do Real Day's Work.

CLEVELAND, O., June 9.—Chief blame for tremendous increases in building costs is placed on labor's refusal to do "a day's work for a day's pay" in the report of the county grand jury in its investigation of the housing situation delivered today to Judge Kennedy in criminal court.

BOLT HITS CHURCH; 6 DIE

Mayor Among Those Killed by Lightning in Spanish Town.

AVILA, Spain, June 9.—Six persons, including the mayor of this city, were killed yesterday when lightning struck a church.

PLANK ADVOCATING LEAGUE DEMANDED

Senator Crane Would Force Issue.

TREATY INDORSEMENT SOUGHT

'Proper' Reservations Included to Mollify Partisanship.

BUTLER AIDS IN BATTLE

Two 'Murrays' Unite and Fight Through Newspapers and Whisped Words.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.
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CHICAGO, June 9.—(Special.)—Your correspondent is aware that conditions here are such as to create a tendency toward excited statements, and with due qualification for this fact, the assertion is ventured that the one episode of this convention so far that has the moral dignity of a straight-out fight for a principle, uncomplicated by one roving eye on votes, is the fight Murray Crane of Massachusetts has led in behalf of adopting a pro-league of nations plank.

Also, with due regard for the tendency toward large generalization essential in this necessarily hasty writing, it is asserted that the league of nations plank, which Senator Crane is fighting to get into the republican platform, does not differ except in terminology from the league of nations plank which President Woodrow Wilson is trying to force into the democratic platform.

Veraillies Indorsement Sought.

Stated broadly and briefly and yet accurately, the league of nations plank which Mr. Crane is forcing upon the republican party here is an indorsement of "the Veraillies treaty with proper reservations," of course the word "proper" is elastic, that is the reason it is being used. That word, if it is adopted, will enable the republicans to say there is some difference between their league of nations plank and Mr. Wilson's league of nations plank, if there were essential ones which would be acceptable to him.

If the league of nations plank, which the dominant forces here are fighting for, contains any different and concept line of cleavage distinct from that from what is today President Wilson's league of nations plank, for his party, the reason will be not conviction but merely the expediency of having something to mark off the republican position from the democratic position, to avoid going into the campaign with a league of nations plank identical with Mr. Wilson's present plank. Of course, Senator Crane and the other dominant forces may be demanding more than they expect to get. But what they are demanding is Mr. Wilson's league of nations, "with proper reservations," whatever they may be, and the distinction you may like the league of nations, or you may not. In either event, if

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MISSOURIANS REFUSE TO UNSEAT BABLER

COMMITTEEMAN WHO SERVED LOWDEN IS UPHELD.

Motion to Rescind Election of Man Who Handled Cash for Illinois Governor Fails.

CHICAGO, June 9.—The Missouri delegation, meeting in special session tonight, voted down, 24 to 11, a motion to rescind the election of Jacob L. Babler as national committeeman, because of testimony before the senate investigating committee that he had handled Lowden campaign funds in that state.

The motion was to rescind the action taken at the caucus held in St. Louis a week ago. Nathan C. Goldstein and Robert E. Moore, who testified before the senate committee that each had received \$2500 of Lowden money through Babler to bring out a Lowden sentiment in Missouri, voted to sustain the caucus action.

WOMEN ASK WORLD VOTE

Geneva Suffrage Alliance Is Firm for Equal Rights.

GENEVA, June 9.—The International Woman's Suffrage alliance congress today decided that the alliance should be continued to secure suffrage and equal rights with men for women of all nations.

SMALL STUFF FROM CHICAGO

CHICAGO, June 9.—Ex-Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Missouri, Mont., arrived here today to learn that he was a candidate for vice-president. He did not know that a movement so far until he read in Chicago papers this morning that his candidacy had been shipped here in accordance with some peculiar law of Montana certifying him as the choice of the republican voters of that commonwealth.

Uncle Joe Cannon declares this convention is just like that of 1872, when Grant was nominated. That convention, like this one, he says, was wondrous what to do with reconstruction issues and was inclined to be panicky.

"If Johnson gets in we can have wine and beer back," said the woman barkeeper in an Italian soft-drink establishment. She was all lit up with badges showing her readiness to tell the world, "I am for Hiram."

An enthusiastic visitor to one of the hotel lobbies shouted, "Hooray for Johnson" today in tones indicating that the Volstead law meant nothing in his young life. The assembled crowds fell on him as the person, and policemen, thinking he was about to be torn to pieces by enraged enemies of the California candidate, started to interfere. As the officer drew nearer, however, he heard the crowd, all in a chorus, trying to whisper into the exhalated one's ear this question: "Where the devil did you get it?"

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge either has two shirts with diagonal stripes or else he was making the same shirt in his young life. This shirt has become famous in history because it was introduced to public view when the Massachusetts senator opened his batteries for the first time in the senate on the Wilson league of nations covenant. Shirt collectors say the Lodge garment is the only one of the

NEW YORK DELEGATES FAIL TO BACK BUTLER

SETBACK GIVEN MOVE BEING MADE FOR SOLIDARITY.

Eight or Ten Representatives Declare for Wood When First Ballot Is Taken.

CHICAGO, June 9.—Efforts of the state organization leaders to line up the New York delegation solidly for Nicholas Murray Butler on the first ballot failed today through the expressed determination on the part of eight or ten delegates to vote for General Wood. A conference of the delegation was held but little progress was made toward complete unity of action. Another conference will be held probably tomorrow.

Senator Wadsworth, chairman of the delegation, in an authorized statement said there had been a free and frank discussion and that there was a strong tendency toward solidarity. Although refusing to discuss candidates, the senator said he had discovered an pronounced drift toward an "outside man." The discussion, he said, was friendly.

ITALIAN MINISTRY QUILTS

Premier Nitti Announces Resignation of Cabinet.

ROME, June 9.—Premier Nitti announced in the chamber today that the cabinet had resigned.

JOHNSON WARNS SHAKY DELEGATES

Reprisal Threatened on Any Deserters.

HIRAM'S CONFIDENCE GROWS

Strong Hint Is Conveyed to Platform Committee.

BALLOT EXPECTED FRIDAY

"Gold" Is Suggested as Possible Explanation of Disobedience to People's Mandate.

CHICAGO, June 9.—Senator Johnson gave notice today that he would take measures of reprisal against any delegate pledged to his support by results of primary election who did not "stick."

Speaking to newspaper correspondents, he declared his opponents were using means of every kind to shake the allegiance of some of his supporters, mentioned "gold" and added that if any "delegate broke away I'll take his case to his people."

CONVENTION TIGHTENING UP

"The convention is tightening up more and more," the senator declared. "It will get to balloting day tomorrow, and as the time approaches my confidence increases."

"I think there will be quite a number of ballots. We'll not endeavor to start with a tremendous number, but as the ballots are taken I think you'll observe later that we'll move along. I presume the platform decision will be made tonight in the committee. My future course as to activities within the convention will be determined early by the decisions on the platform."

AMERICAN ATTITUDE DEMANDED

Somebody suggested that former Senator Crane favored the league with reservations.

"I don't doubt that," the senator said, "and I'm endeavoring to get the republican party to take a republican attitude, an American attitude, and we'll ask the party to take that position." The senator said he had seen Mr. Crane three times today.

The rumor that the convention planned to nominate a candidate before adopting a platform was mentioned.

"I think the usual method should be pursued," Senator Johnson replied. He did not think it likely, he added, that the convention would attempt to

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SESSION DEADLOCKED OVER LEAGUE PLANK

SMOOT COMPROMISE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO MR. LODGE.

Ex-Senator Crane and Group of International Bankers Blamed for Disagreement.

CHICAGO, June 10.—The special sub-committee of the resolutions committee of the republican national convention adjourned soon after 1 o'clock this morning, without having reached an agreement on a platform plank to deal with the league of nations issue. Sessions will be resumed today.

A compromise proposal offered by Senator Smoot of Utah, the nature of which was not disclosed, was under discussion at the end of the session. After adjournment Senator Smoot hastened to confer with Senator Lodge, chairman of the convention, and republican leader during the treaty fight in the senate.

Senators Borah and McCormick, representing on the sub-committee "irreconcilable" views in the senate, indicated that the Smoot plan was not acceptable to them. They had left the conference before adjournment, expecting to return.

Virtual agreement had been reached in the committee on a labor plank not containing provisions favorable to anti-strike legislation, a cost of living declaration attributing high prices largely to currency inflation and a proposal that the strike settlement provisions of the transportation act be extended to all public utilities.

Planks to deal with the Mexican question, prohibition and to prohibit the excessive use of money in elections were passed along to the full committee for framing.

"We are deadlocked as badly as ever," Senator Borah said after he and Senator McCormick had conferred with various leaders, including Senator Lodge. "The whole difficulty over the treaty is being caused by former Senator W. Murray Crane and a group of international bankers who are here."

Senator Borah would not discuss the possibility of a bolt by the irreconcilables.

The general feeling of the sub-committee group opposing the league covenant in any form was that the proposed platform as drawn thus far was too specific and might invite declarations. One of the conferees referred to the work accomplished as an "essay, wholly lacking a kick."

The sub-committee will submit its report to the full resolutions committee at 10 A. M. tomorrow, and to agree on the treaty plank or on the other points mentioned. The course of the full committee had not been determined and there was nothing to indicate when it would be able to report to the convention.

GASOLINE FIRED; 50 DEAD

Japanese Town Is Shaken as If by Earthquake.

KOBE, Japan, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.) Fifty Japanese seamen were missing after an explosion of gasoline on the steamer Eiraku Maru yesterday. The explosion shook the city like an earthquake and seriously damaged shipping.

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BITTER-ENDERS THREATEN BOLT

Split in Party Over Treaty Forecast.

LEADERS MUCH WORRIED

Fear Is Half Concealed by Those Who Have Fate of Plank in Hand.

BITTER BATTLE IS LIKELY

Effort Will Be Made to Keep Issue From Getting on Floor of Convention.

CHICAGO, June 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Republican differences over the league of nations culminated today in an open threat from irreconcilable senators to leave the party unless it declared flatly against the league of nations.

The ultimatum was delivered in dramatic fashion at a conference of leaders. It put the league issue suddenly to the fore of all other questions before the national convention, not excepting even the nomination of a presidential candidate.

Senators Borah of Idaho, Brandegee of Connecticut and McCormick of Illinois represented the irreconcilables at the conference, and former Senator W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts, in past conventions a national leader, spoke for the group demanding a plank for a league with reservations. Senator Watson of Indiana, chairman of the resolutions committee, who was present to represent the party organization, took the role of peacemaker.

Fear Grips Leaders.

Tonight the leaders were only half-heartedly attempting to conceal their apprehensions over the situation. Most of them grimly predicted an agreement, but none appeared too sure of his ground. In a session which promised to last through the night a resolutions sub-committee, headed by Senator Watson, sought to find a middle course which would hold the party together.

Senator Crane coming unexpectedly into the swim of convention affairs after several days of quiet conferences, prefaced the irreconcilable ultimatum by laying on the council table a proposal that the party declare affirmatively for ratification of a league of nations covenant with safeguarding reservation. Backed, he said, by the group of mild reservation senators, he indicated that unless such a plank were adopted, "it the dynamite of the league of nations questions would be loosed on the convention floor."

The reply of the irreconcilables came at once, phrased in terms which no one misunderstood.

Parting Will Come.

With considerable heat Senator Borah told the conference that he and his colleagues never could accept any plank declaring affirmatively for any ratification of the treaty, reservations or no reservations. Should the party adopt such a plank, they declared, they would immediately and finally part company with it.

In a desperate effort to bring harmony, Senator Watson pleaded that the rising animosities of the conferees be forgotten and that both sides approach the subject with a determination to avoid repetition of the disastrous break of 1912. But neither side receded and the meeting ended in an atmosphere of solemn defiance.

So it stood tonight as the resolutions sub-committee of 13 sought to sweat out a solution. In the committee room besides Senator Watson were Senators Borah and McCormick for the irreconcilables, Senator Smoot of Utah and nine men of varying shades of opinion.

Outside the committee room, too, there was a series of feverish conferences as each side sought to assess how much of the attitude of its adversary was bluff and how much was genuine.

After several hours' work tonight Senator Watson announced that he did not believe the platform could be finished in time for presentation



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